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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings include changes to Fig 2.

Attachment: Submittal of Drawing Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

The Applicant has not amended any of the claims. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 15-32 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 15-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In response, the Applicant respectfully disagrees. The Examiner stated that a "virtual link handler" is not sufficiently described in the specification. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with this statement.

The Examiner takes note of the words "novel virtual link handler" and believes there is no conventional virtual link handler discussed, therefore there is no novelty. However, the specification, in several passages discusses the "virtual link handler" (see page 2, lines 21-35; page 6, lines 12-20; and page 8, lines 26-29). In addition, the term "virtual link handler" is utilized to provide a term for the functionality of providing shadow process for actual process communicating across the system and driver adapters for communicating CPUs (see page 2, lines 21-23).

In addition, the Applicant has amended the specification and FIG. 2 to more clearly define the term "virtual link handler". No new matter has been added. FIG. 2 shows an illustration of the virtual link handler 100 which includes P1', P2' and the driver adapters. The term virtual link handler is utilized to name the shadow processes and adapters used in each processor (see page 6. lines 12-20).

The term virtual link handler is defined in both the specification and the drawings. No new matter has been added. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of claims 15-32.

Claims 15-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Applicant respectfully disagrees. Furthermore, the Applicant has amended the specification and FIG. 2 to more clearly

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define the term "virtual link handler". No new matter has been added. FIG. 2 shows an illustration of the virtual link handler 100 which includes P1'. P2' and the driver adapters.

The term virtual link handler is utilized to name the shadow processes and adapters

used in each processor (see page 6, lines 12-20).

The specification and drawings describe the term "virtual link handler" in such a

manner to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use such a "virtual link handler."

Therefore, the allowance of claims 15-32 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently

pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of

Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions

or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of

the Application.

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